FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

The County Extension Forestry Committee, composed of Cecil Wright, Chairman; Walter Henry, Secretary; David Wood, Bill Smith, and Ivey Hoyland, has met to determine major forestry problems in the county and plans for the current year.

Pulp production in 1955 amounted to 19,083 units of pine and 6,155 units of hardwood. This is valued at $370,797. Changes have occurred. No hardwood was marketed in 1946, but in 1956, Appomattox ranked 14th in hardwood production.

Principal problems as sensed by the committee are:

1. How to make timber land pay.
2. Failure to use treated posts.
3. Feasible methods of forestry improvement that would attract all landowners.
4. Making idle acres pay.
5. Marketing methods.

Plans for correcting forestry problems:

1. Work with youth in the form of a Junior Forestry Contest.
2. Locate (6) six forestry demonstration plots in different communities that would lend themselves to the following condition:
   (a) Close to road.
   (b) Releasing pine (cut, smear with suspended amate, notch and use amate crystals, girdle, frill-use 2,4,5-T, check area.
   (c) Thinning.
   (d) Clean cut, set to seedlings.
3. Tour Charlottesville Nursery in December.
4. Conduct a post treating demonstration.
5. Conduct two peeling demonstrations and two fencing demonstrations.

First Blue Mold Warnings Received from South

The season's first warnings of tobacco blue mold are now being received from Florida and Georgia.

The disease, when not controlled, can devastate the tobacco crop developed in both new and old beds.

In Florida, blue mold was found early this month in a new bed of cigar-wrapper tobacco sowed December 21. The disease apparently had been present since the middle of January.

Appomattox growers have done a fairly good job of controlling blue mold the past few years, and the advice again is to "get ready," and keep an eye on your southern neighbors.

A parasetic weed new to the western hemisphere has been reported recently in South Carolina. It is "striga," and is potentially a threat to other areas. Where it occurs in South Carolina, it has drastically reduced corn yields and in some cases destroyed crabgrass. If you see an unusual weed in corn fields this year, contact the county agent.

Insects Cost Money

Each pound of insects causes the loss of five pounds of vegetation. Seventeen grasshoppers per square yard on an acre can eat one ton of alfalfa per day. Insects in the United States nullify the labor of at least 1,000,000 working men each year. More trees are killed by insects each year than are destroyed by forest fires. There are 86,000 named species of insects in the United States. Ten thousand of them are considered "public enemies."

County Agronomy Committee Outlines Plans

The Appomattox County Extension Agronomy Committee, composed of Garland Holt, Chairman; John Gunter, Secretary; A. B. Carson, E. W. Marshall, Mosby Harris, and Bernard Richardson, met recently to outline the problems and plans for the current year.

Low production of grain and forage crops represent the major problem, yet closely allied to this is the use of good soil conservation practices.

According to the latest information on county averages, the following crops show per acre average yields. Alfalfa, 1.44 tons; all hay, .86 tons; corn silage, 8.9 tons; corn, 26.36 bu.; oats, 34.34; barley, 34.42.

The committee pointed out that with little effort on most soils the averages could be raised substantially. Increased fertilization could make the biggest difference.

Average yields on the crops mentioned above could be increased as follows: alfalfa, 3 tons; all hay, 1.5 tons; corn silage, 13 tons; corn, 50 bu.; oats, 50 bu.; barley, 50 bu.

The following plans were made for 1957:

1. Two alfalfa weevil control demonstrations.
2. Tour of Bunker silo.
3. Conduct three pasture demonstrations.
4. Tour of one summer pasture where pearl millet or sudan grass is being grazed.
5. Observe use of granular Heptachlor as a repellant of alfalfa weevil on two locations.
6. Plan tour of Middlebourg Pasture and Forage Research Station in July.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 26.- Miss Joyce Dallas, District Superintendent for school cafeterias visited the Evergreen school Wednesday. She and Dr. Aubrey Keesee had lunch with the pupils. We enjoyed having them.

Mr. Calvin Coleman, of Red Oak, Va., visited his sister, Mrs. Ernest Farrar and Mr. Farrar last week.

Mr. Oscar Baker, of Richmond, visited his mother, Mrs. W. B. Thomas last week.

Maasie Hamilton Circle met in the home of Mrs. Clara Garrett on Thursday night, with a good attendance.

Members of the P.-T. A. served dinner for the newly organized Ruritan Club on Friday night. This was the second time the P.-T. A. has served this club.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Wilsie, and Mrs. Katie Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Carol Carlisle, of Hat Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Alberta C. Ferguson spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Paulette. Those who visited in this home Sunday P. M. were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lerner and family, Mr. Roy Conner and son, all of Lynchburg; Mrs. Harry Ferguson and son, Herbert.

Mrs. David I. Garrett and sister, Miss Ruth Parker left Sunday for Gettysburg, Pa., to attend the funeral of their grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrette, of Alexandria spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner. Others visiting in this home were Mrs. S. J. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham, Mrs. J. C. Staples and brother, Mr. Frank Gilmer, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jennings and family and mother, Mrs. Ella Jennings, spent the week-end here at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar and family spent Sunday at Roanoke.

Mr. Elmore Farrar, of Petersburg spent the week-end here and attended the Richardson - Harvey wedding.

The W. M. U. Mission Study Book, entitled Mission U. S. A., was taught Sunday P. M. at church.

Mr. Frank Glover, of Washington has returned home after visiting his brother, Mr. G. W. Glover and sister, Mrs. J. C. Staples.

The S. C. A. held their regular monthly meeting Feb. 14. Mrs. Staples' room presented the program with a play, entitled, Jack Frost's Valentine. Refreshments were served, in keeping with the holiday. Brenda Clapp and Patsy Farrar, 4-H Club girls, made the cookies.

Beckham

Beckham, Feb. 26.- Mrs. J. T. Morris is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore have gone to Richmond for the funeral of Mr. Moore's sister, Mrs. Geneva Rucker, who died unexpectedly early Monday morning.

Mr. C. A. Moore continues sick at her home. Those visiting Mrs. Moore on Sonday were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moore, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. Enid Phelps, Miss Emily Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr., Mrs. R. S. Wheeler, Miss Mary Ann Wheeler, Mr. Douglas Harris and son, Keith.

Rev. Aaron Smith and Dr. Ralph Haga, of Richmond, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. T. M. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, Miss Eunice Martin and Pam. Dr. Haga was a guest speaker at Trinity Church Sunday morning.

Robert Morris visited his mother, Mrs. J. T. Morris Sunday evening. Others visiting Mrs. Morris during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore.

Mr. Len Martin was given a surprise brthday party on Monday night by his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays visited Mrs. T. H. Burge and family Sunday afternoon.

Miss Faye Martin was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Martin, Mr. and Mrs. ria, Ronnie and Cathy.

Misses Faye and visited Mrs. Herman day night.

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

Appomattox County Home Demonstration Clubs are having celebrations in their clubs this month. Following are a few points of interest for anyone who is a homeowner.

The summer season is approaching, instead of having an empty space, do you find your room more than half full? This is a freezing schedule will help others with the traffic jam of packages.

Reserved planting is a freezer saver. Plant crops such as shelled beans, broccoli, giant waxy corn, brussels sprouts, so that mature as late as possible. Also, you may find good buys on varieties of vegetables which do particularly well in garden. For instance, in December or January, you can buy squash cheap. These come in varying sizes up to five pounds. You can cook them, eat what you want, and the rest during the "off." Use for freezing vegetables.

If you are fighting for freezer space, a beef slaughtered in such a calamity. Plan your feeding to bring the animals as close to slaughter finish when they are the most space available. Use an absolute minimum of space, you'll save a lot of space. Cut bones and put away pints of concentrated stock for soup or gravy, be sure to plan space for canning if your husband hunts, and forget the pork in December.

Using prepared meals takes less space, too. If meal -getting is of great importance, it may pay you to buy a second freezer for storage. Many farm folks put the "extra" freezer in basement or utility room. Another plan is to rent locker space, and making a list of everything you put in your freezer, the date and amounts of each product, plus how much you eat of various food. Part of this information will tell you the peak of freezing and will give you a chance to distribute it. Every time you have a short of freezer room, jot down too, so you can add for another year.

With common - sense management your locker will always be full, yet there will always be crannies for extras you hadn't planned on.

Helpful Hints for Homemakers

When you select decorations for your walls, choose things that have a special meaning to you. Small items of various shapes and sizes can be effective when well framed and well grouped. Work out your groupings on the floor first so you can easily see how they will look on the wall. You'll discover endless possibilities for arrangement. Place your pictures close enough so they don't appear scattered. Hang them low enough for people sitting down to see and enjoy.

When venetian blind cords become worn, sew a new cord on the end of the old one and pull it into place. Make the joint between old and new cord smooth so it will slip through the gears.

Fireplace screens can be given a new look with black liquid shoe polish.

To keep small drawers from pulling all the way out and spilling their contents, screw a storm-window type turn button to the inside of the back of the drawer near the top edge. Before pushing drawer all the way in, turn the button to a vertical position. This makes it impossible to accidentally pull drawer out too far.

Put your scratch - remover furniture polish in a thoroughly washed shoe polish bottle. The dauber that comes in the bottle is handy for applying polish to scratches.

String your measuring spoons on a key chain. The spoons will be easier to handle since there is more room on the chain than on the original ring.

4-H Share the Fun Program

The individual grade winners in the 4-H Share the Fun Program which has been conducted in each grade and in the high school this month, will pratticipate in the elimination program to be held Saturday, March 2nd, at the Appomattox Elementary School at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Wayne Tyler, of WLVA, will act as master of ceremonies for the program. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun.

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Rocks

Rocks, Feb. 25.- It was cold and frosty several mornings last week.

A few attended the Training Union officers and leaders conference at Spring Creek church on last Monday night.

The various organizations met at the church on Tuesday night, with very good attendance considering it was such a rainy night.

Quite a few from here attended the Harvey and Richardson wedding at Evergreen Baptist Church on Saturday night.

Toby Inge accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett to North Carolina for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and children, of Farmville spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins, of Lynchburg spent last Sunday night with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Evans, of Spout Spring were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge awhile on Monday night.

A few from here attended the W. M. U. Mission Study Class at Evergreen Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder spent the week-end in Richmond with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 26.- My, my, we have some sickness in almost every home in our community. Let's hope March will bring us pretty spring weather and will help us all to feel well again.

So glad to know that Mr. Street Thornhill is home from the hospital and is doing fine at his home near here. Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, Mr. E. L. Chick, and Mr. Tom Davidson visited him on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr. visited his brother, Melvin Drinkard in Lynchburg General Hospital on Saturday night. Glad to hear he is improving and expects to return to his home at Oakville the first of the week. We all hope and pray for him a speedy get well.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Linda Sue, of Oakville visited in the same home on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler are on a vacation to see Mr. and Mrs. Don Keading in Illinois. Hope for them a pleasant and safe trip there and back home. They are missed by their many friends here at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gauldin and Miss Barbara Hardy, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore.

We are all delighted to hear that Mr. Tommie Bondurant has improved so much he is driving his car again. He spent several months in a Richmond hospital. Hope he will soon be real well again.

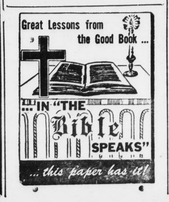
Mrs. C. M. Caldwell spent last Sunday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins, near Lynchburg.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mrs. Martin Kraus visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stratton last week. Mr. Stratton is still on the sick list. He has returned home from Charlottesville Hospital. Hope he will soon be well and out again.

Town of Appomattox election will be held on June 11, to name mayor and council members.

A big increase has been noted in the work of the Social Security Administration, under new regulations now in effect.

March will be Red Cross month. Help Appomattox make its quota.



Pamplin

Pamplin, Feb. 25.- Mrs. L. L. Dickerson spent last week with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Bantam, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosner, of Farmville were week-end visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rosner.

Mrs. Paula Price and children, of Richmond were week-end visitors of relatives and friends here.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allen, of Farmville and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wade and family, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis and daughter, Kathy spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wayne, of Phenix.

Week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Robert Garrison were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Ramsey and Miss Inez Garrison, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny and daughter, Betty, of Farmville visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dickerson, of Lynchburg were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. T. H. Dickerson.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Beade and daughter, of Petersburg, were visitors here Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Eaton spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Appomattox.

Mrs. Ruth Sanderson visited relatives in Richmond last week-end.

The Rev. John B. Cunningham, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris last Thursday.

Mrs. Robert S. Harris was in Durham, N. C. last Saturday to see Mr. James D. Hall, a patient at Duke Hospital, and also Mrs. Claude V. Jones.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Feb. 27.- Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of her parents Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Martin, who has been a patient at Memorial Hospital for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson visited Mr. Street Thornhill and Mr. Lyle Caldwell Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Martin is improving, after a recent sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walton were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walton Sunday afternoon.

Edward Moon, small son of Rev. and Mrs. William Moon spent several days last week in the home of his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus, Jr. and daughter, Cynthia visited relatives here over the week-end.

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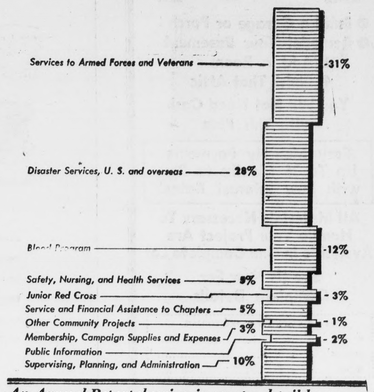

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